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OFFICE OF PETITIONS DECISION MOTENTINDER OF INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed March 30, 2001 and supplemented May 16, 2001 and May 21, 2001.

In view of the <u>joinder</u> of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered to be moot. This application does <u>not</u> have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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